

Questions and Answers: WIA Title I Funding to Localities in Virginia

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FUNDING PROCESS TO LOCAL AREAS AS OF JULY 1ST, 2000

When will local Workforce Investment Areas (LWIAs) receive their full funding allocations?

As of July 24th, there are nine LWIAs in Virginia that have been sent their Notice of Obligations (NOOs) for 25% of their full WIA Title I funding allocations.

There are seven other LWIAs that will receive their NOOs just as soon as their grant recipients sign agreements with the State.

There is one LWIA that still does not have a certified Workforce Investment Board, so cannot yet receive its NOO for 25% of its funding allocations.

What do LWIBs have to do to receive 25% of their WIA allocation?

An LWIA must have the following:

- Local Workforce Investment Board certified
- Youth Council of LWIB being developed

- Local strategic plan approved
- State/grant recipient agreement endorsed
- Minimum of one full-service (comprehensive) center under development with available core services and access to intensive and training services
- MOU being developed between LWIB and required partners

When will local Workforce Investment Areas receive their full funding allocations?

LWIAs will receive their full awards with unrestricted authorization to expend WIA funds in accordance with the act and the local plan as soon as they can fulfill the following requirements:

- Local Workforce Investment Board certified
- Youth Council of LWIB certified
- Local strategic plan approved without conditions
- State/grant recipient agreement endorsed
- Minimum of one full-service (comprehensive) center in accordance with WIA Section 121
- MOU executed between LWIB and required partners

What process and what forms do we use to request our funds?

When the Local PY 2000 Agreement went out to LWIBs, the forms and instructions for their use were included in the mailing.

Have the funding allocations been changed since you sent out the “preliminary funding allocations”?

Yes, the Virginia Workforce Council originally decided to use the federal formula to allocate funds to local areas, as the law required. However, Department of Labor guidance later gave more latitude to use a “hold harmless” funding formula for the adult and the youth funds, and at a special meeting on June 29th, the Council decided to do just that. What that means to LWIAs is that they will receive not less than 90% of their current allocations for adult and youth under JTPA, which will give them more stable funding for the first year of WIA. Hold harmless does not apply to dislocated worker funding.
